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Almost there Jo!

Bill Bailey joins Jo Brand on the penultimate day of her BT Sport Relief Challenge

After combatting the stormy UK weather which literally blew her off her feet yesterday, Jo Brand will today continue to beat the blisters on day six of her BT Sport Relief Challenge. The challenge will see the 58-year-old comedian walk 150 miles - east to west across the width of the country - in just seven days, finishing in Liverpool on Thursday. The challenge is sponsored by BT, a long-term supporter of Comic Relief challenges since 2009.

Yesterday Jo took a battering from the weather as she faced 60mph winds across The Pennines. After a mammoth journey of 14.5 hours on road, hill and path, and all the wind and rain Storm Jonas could throw at her, Jo arrived just outside of Hyde at around 9pm last night. Sport Relief legend **Davina McCall** joined her later in the day to battle the elements with her.

Jo still has a long and windy road ahead of her today; setting off at 9am this morning from Levenshulme, Jo will walk approximately 21.5 miles to Warrington, through Curry Mile, Stretford, Sale and Lymm. Friend and comedian **Bill Bailey** has joined her to help keep her chin up towards the last leg of the journey.

Jo said "I don't want to be the elderly old boot who doesn't finish a Sport Relief Challenge. But more importantly, I want to keep at it to raise as much as possible for an incredible range of causes. For example, donating £10 could pay for two meals for two elderly people at a lunch club, where they can meet people and not be quite so lonely. We're all going to be isolated and old, so it's very important to keep these networks going".

- Jo needs the public's support to keep her going as she is taking one Hell of a Walk. Sponsor Jo at sportrelief.com/sponsorjo

- Inspired by Jo's challenge? Then take on your own challenge by signing up to the Sport Relief Games - go to **sportrelief.com** to find out how

The BT Sport Relief Challenge: Jo's Hell of a Walk isn't the first Sport Relief Challenge BT has sponsored. From John Bishop's Week of Hell, David Walliams' epic swims and who could forget Davina McCall's brave run, cycle and swim across the country, BT has been there all the way.

BT will again be supporting Sport Relief through the BT Speaking Clock. Between 18th January and 20th March 2016, for every call made from a BT fixed line in the UK to the BT Speaking Clock, BT will donate 10p to Sport Relief.*

Over the course of the 'BT Sport Relief Challenge: Jo Brand's Hell of a Walk' BT has committed to help raise at least £350,000 for Sport Relief.

All the ups and downs of Jo's challenge will be captured for a BBC documentary, to be broadcast in the run up to Sport Relief Weekend, which is taking place from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th March.

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ABOUT SPORT RELIEF:

- As one of the UK's biggest fundraising events, Sport Relief brings the entire nation together to get active, raise cash and change lives.
- Since 2002, Sport Relief has raised over £262 million. The money raised by the public is spent by Comic Relief to help people living incredibly tough lives, across the UK and the world's poorest communities. It all leads up to the Sport Relief weekend and an unmissable night of TV on the BBC, broadcasting live from Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.
- Comic Relief is a UK charity, which aims to create a just world, free from poverty. The money raised by Comic Relief, through its fundraising campaigns Red Nose Day and Sport Relief as well as other initiatives, is spent at home in the UK and across the world to help people, families and whole communities stand on their own two feet.
- Comic Relief is a registered charity 326568 (England/Wales); SC039730 (Scotland)
- Jo is no stranger to Sport Relief, having taken part in the very first Sport Relief Mile in 2004; she also turned up to support her friend Davina McCall on the final leg of her own gruelling BT Sport Relief Challenge: Davina – Beyond Breaking Point, during 2014.
- In 2012 David Walliams went to unbelievable lengths to conquer the Thames in his BT Sport Relief Challenge: Walliams vs. The Thames. John Bishop pushed himself and his legs to the limit with The BT Sport Relief Challenge: Bishop's Week of Hell.

